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Research Tips or Crime Fighters

esearchers met enforcers at Justice Dept.sponsored symosium on law enforcement science and technology last week Washington, D.C. Challenge to enforcers: use behavioral nowledge to stem crime and improve corrections.

Explanations of prison violence that ignore social fabric forison won't work, U. Illinois sociologist Edith Flynn told teeting. Prisons are run with tacit consent of inmates, and ministrators know it. Any change that disrupts intincate, formal social relations between inmates and staff raise odds or violence, whether changes increase control or reform. If you have the change increase control or reform, leaf or change management. She urged officials to read new todel guidelines on inmate rights from Illinois Dept. of Corctions. Write her for paper and info at Soc. Dept., U. of linois. Urbana 61801.

Yale sociologist Albert Reiss, who has studied police erims or some time, urged cops to stop focusing on criminals, art focusing on crime and to become professional. Among is tips, environmental prevention: tell retailers shoplift, up jan't a crime unless merchants take steps to protect merchandise. "If people will buy on impute, they'll steal on imules." where merchandise su to for arabs.

Psychologist Saleem Shah, head of NIMH Center for Study f Crime and Delinquency, urged using research to divert ids from corrections. He plugged completed first phase of udy by sociologist Marvin Wolfgang, at U. Penn., for imortant policy clues. Wolfgang tracked all 10,000 boys born Philadelphia in 1955 to get first sophisticated probability nalysis of delinquency. Of group, 3,500 had one recorded in-in with law; almost half had no further trouble. Six perent were chronic offenders, accounting for more than half elinquent acts of the total group. Question, said Shah, is here to invest energy and money for intervention (Wolfgang iggests after third offense). Study also shows no graduation seriousness of offenses. U. Chicago Press will publish udy, Delinguincy in a Birth Cohort, in June, Wolfnang is work on second phase, taking sample of original group ast age 18.

Psychiatrists Pan Shrink Power

Two NIMH psychiatrists have blasted the Amer. Psychiatric Assn.'s stand on mental health coverage under national health insurance as unworkable, self-serving, inappropriate to delivering adequate care and sure to bankrupt the mental health service system. In a private position paper to be sent to key members of Congress, E. Fuller Torrey and Robert Taylor claim APA's demand for extensive hospitalization benefits and for recognition of psychiatrist as chief care providers not only would raise costs but also would create a superficial manpower shortage, enabling psychiatrists to stuff off difficult cases. The stand also ignores research on mental health treatment, Torrey and Taylor

In brief, they maintain that hospitalization is less effective than cheap alternatives—day-care and walkin services—and that psychiatriss are no more effective than psychologists and other pros. To back up contention, they propose financial restrictions on use of psychiatrist in insurance-paid psychotherapy and other non-medical services.

Paper is bound to stir interest in House and Senate health subcommittees, especially Senate subcmite, where one temporary staffer is psychiatrist Joseph Perpich.

In deference to past request from NIMH director Bertem Brown, plesse write Taylor, for position paper at his home address. SOII White Flint St., Kensington, Md. 2079S.)

Glimpse at Nader's

NIMH Report

Ralph Nader already is getting letters from mental health pros scared stilly that the forthcoming Nader Raider expose of the mental health complex will hurt business. According to Nader ace Franklin Chu, chief investigator on the study, brief talks by Nader folks at recent meetings have stirred up justified faces that NIMH and mental health pros are in for a drubbing. . Fears were fueled even more by limited circulation of a content summary that may bear only historical interest by the time the report comes out (best estimates now are for summer release).

- Main issue will be neglect of the consumer. The rest will be icing, but the icing has pros trembling. Examples the summary include:
- Portrayal of mental health complex as mental health mafia, founded and fed by combination of professional self-interest, congressional sugar daddies and a powerful health lobby.
- Argument that, like it or not, what's needed for mental health is not pros and programs but better jobs, housing and social support mechanisms.
- Dirty details of elitism, cronyism and power-playing at NIMH, at universities and in professions that have little to do with delivering mental goods.
- Charge of over-emphasic on research and expensive services and claims or over-abundance of lovinguality research, rack of research direction and dearth of direct problem research;

Worst of all, report will give general impression that mental health pros are no better or worse than other pros and that Nat'l Institute of Mental Health officials are very much like other government bureaucrats.

LOGJAM: Study of jail suicides by psychiatrist Bruce Danto suggests hidden evil in court backlogs and stiff bail policies. Of 10 suicides at Wayne County (Mich.) jail over three years, four prisoner; had no bond set and three hed Sonds of \$10,000 or n'ere. "Thus," tays Danto, "seen out of the 10 suicides could not see their way clear to leaving jail in the forseable future." Write Danto at Suicide Prevention Center, Psychatric Inst., 1151 Taylor, Detoit 48202.

■ MONEY: New initiation and development grants to help overty areas plan mental health services available now from NIMH. Grants up to SSO,000 each are for assessing local needs, designing services. Contact assoc. dirt. for mental health at HEW regional offices. List of regional offices from Art Cosing, Rm. 11C-17, NIMH, 5800 Fishers Lane, Rock-ville, Md. 20552. ■ SYMPOSIA: First Western Hemisphere Conference on Acquincture, Kirlian Photography and the Human Aura features Stanley Krippner, Thelma Moss, J.R. Worsley of College of Chinese Acupuncture, London, Tickets (\$7) for day-long symposium May 25 at United Engineering Center, 245 47th St., New York City, available at door. Info from Carie Harris, 515 Howard Ave, Staten Island 10301. ...Phenomenologically oriented Duscate Industriance of Duscate Industriance Industriance

quesne U. psychology dept. sponsors The ories and Applications of Logotherapy course July 10-28, to be taught by Viktor Frankl. Course for credit costs \$213, but public is invited to lectures for \$1. Write Graduate Dean, Duquesne, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219. . Youth and Drug Institute June

18-19 at Northeastern U. in Boston. Designed for school and community drug program personnel. Info from Taylor Roth, Northeastern, 360 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass. 02115. UP FROM ASHES: Looks like Stanford Research Inst. has resurrected shortlived White House National Goals Research staff. SRI has set up Center for the Study of Social Policy to help decision-makers develop and forecast alternative programs. Washington office, headed by NGR staffer Charles Williams, is at 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington, Va. 22209. EDUCATION 1980: Enrollment in nation's colleges will increase 55 percent during 1970's, will reach total of 13.3 million by fall 1980, predicts Nat'l. Center for Educational Statistics. Two-year colleges will grow fastest (up 84 percent by 1980, from 1.6 to 3 million). Report. Projections of Educational Statistics to 1980-81, also contains data on per-pupil expenditures, breakdown on degrees to be awarded, teachers' salaries. It's available this summer, GPO, Wash., D.C. 20402. . . Study on future of Yale recommends reducing four-year curricula to three for baccalaureate degree. Study, by Yale faculty group headed by political cientist Robert Dahl, urges other innovations aimed at recentering college around student. Limited copies available free, President's Office, Yale U., New Haven, Conn. 06520.

ENVIRONMENT: Bojabi Tree House Puppet Theater



IVI: objasi free noise ruppet ineaer takes ecology message to grade schools. Shows educate kids on causes, prevention of pollution; are especially effective, says procédor Jaff Peyton, because purposs are undardeveloped as teaching tool. Write Peyton, P.O. Box 270, New Haven, Conn. 0:502. a PUBLICATIONS: Editor Jacques

Mehlet hopes new international quarterly, Cognition, will provide forum for cognitive research—downplaying information processing, emphasizing child development, psycholinguistics, related fields. First issue this spring, with articles by T. Bower, Noam Chomsky, Jonas Langer. Individual subs S12, Mouton, P.O. Box 482. The Hague, Netherlands. Send manuscripts to Thomas Bever, Psych. Dept., Schermerhorn. Hall, Columbia U., New York City 10027. . Spiritual Community Guide includes list of centers in U.S., Canada: catalogs Eastern spiritual methodologies; lists magazines, books of interest. \$2.95 from Spiritual Community, Box 1080, San Rafael, Calif. 94902.

■ PSYCHING CONGRESS: Amorphia, pro-pot legalization group, launches Washington's first psychedenic drug lobby. Chief lobbyist is 28-year-old lawyer Gordon Brownell, former Nixon staffer and Reagan worker, who still works part time for GOP strategist Kevin Phillips. Focus is on decriminalization and importance of credibility with users in drug ed. Contact Blair Newman, Box 744, Mill Valley, Calif. 94941. # INPUT: Researchers Pat McNaughton and Frank Bischel want info on studies illuminating classroom discourse and verbal interaction. Pair plan symposium at Internat'l Congress of Applied Linguistics in Copenhagen in August. Contact them at Claremont Inst. of Linguistic Studies, Claremont, Calif. 91711. DEPRESSION: U. Michigan's Inst. for Social Research is conducting first annual survey of state of nation's mental health. Emphasis is on study of depression, but survey will also cover positive attributes of mental health. Contact survey dirs., psychiatrist Monica Blumenthal, epidemiologist Sidney Cobb, psychologist John French Jr. (Ann Arbor 48106). MEDIA: Deadline May 15 for Amer. Psychological Foundation's 1972 nat'l media awards. Criterion: "reporting which increases the public's knowledge and understanding of psychology." Categories: newspaper; TV, radio, movie; magazine, book, monograph. For info and nominations, contact Jlm Warren, APA, 1200 17th St., NW, Wash., D.C. 20036. COO-COO: "Corporations may follow Skinnerian principles," allows behaviorism critic M. Brewster Smith, "because corporations are basically pigeonbrained." Good way to make industry sensitive to environ-

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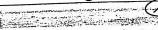
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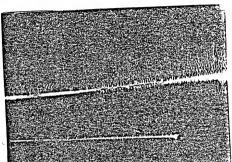
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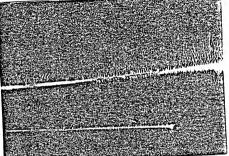
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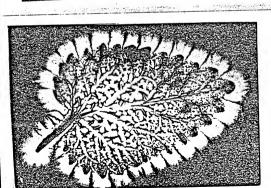














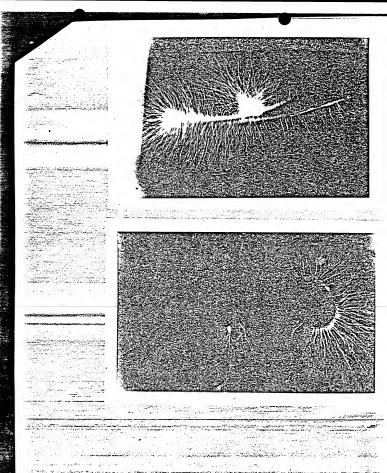
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